

Maine Commission for Community Service Identity Statement

The identity statement is a set of criteria to be used to make internal decisions; not for branding; an internal doc for the Commission (MCCS) and closest partners; the “go to” document when MCCS needs to make a decision or modify/change strategy.

Component	MCCS Statement
We advance our mission* to...	foster and inspire community service and volunteerism to address critical needs in the State of Maine.
guided by our core values and beliefs that service ...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • engenders personal and civic responsibility that is fundamental to an inclusive, civil society; • is a strategy for solving community problems; • strengthens communities by cultivating a sense of civic identity and common purpose; • works best when it is community-driven and government-supported;
and seek to impact...	the capacity, sustainability, effectiveness, and efficiency of Maine’s volunteer sector
by serving (clients, beneficiaries) ...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • managers of volunteers, • Maine national service grantees, • public and private nonprofit organizations seeking to engage volunteers, • public and private agencies seeking to develop national service programs
through (programs and services) ...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • making, administering and evaluating volunteer program grants; • developing managers of volunteers; • fostering adoption of high quality volunteer management practices; • providing support to organizations applying for national service; • providing support to organizations implementing national service programs; • raising awareness of volunteer sector issues through research related to the status of volunteering and volunteer management; and • promoting service as a strategy
and effectively using our assets ...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a unique statewide focus on volunteerism; • the network of AmeriCorps alumni /Senior Corps volunteers; • superior volunteer management training/capacity building; • technical assistance capability & certified trainers; • knowledge, thought leadership & innovation; and • skill in convening diverse stakeholders.
We are sustained by these funding sources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporation for National and Community Service • training fees from non-national service participants • in-kind donations of goods and service • Maine Volunteer Foundation and other private funding.

*The MCCS mission is a summary of the statutory purpose, the section of the law that sets forth the mission for any body created through statute. The actual language reads:

to foster the State's ethic of community service; encourage community service and volunteerism as a means of meeting critical human, environmental, educational and public safety needs throughout the State; serve as the State's liaison regarding national and community service and volunteer activities; foster collaboration among service agencies; receive gifts and grants, implement statewide service programs and make subgrants to state and local entities in accordance with the National and Community Service Trust Act